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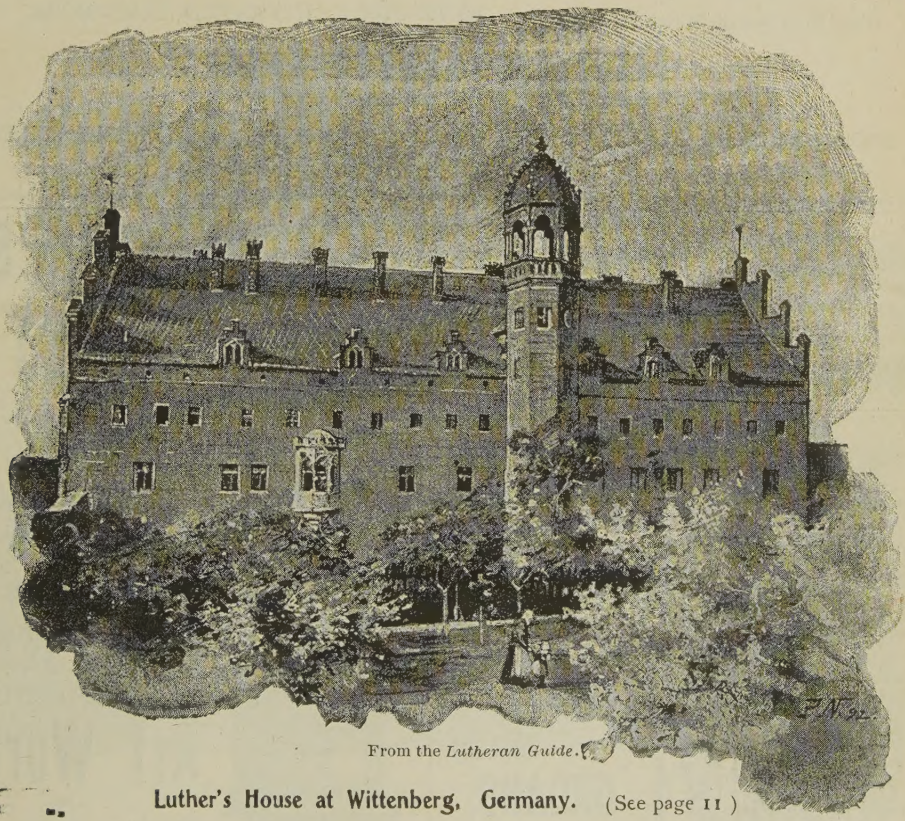

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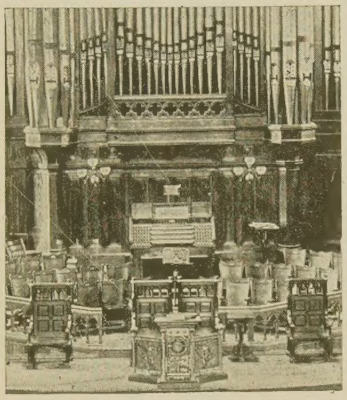

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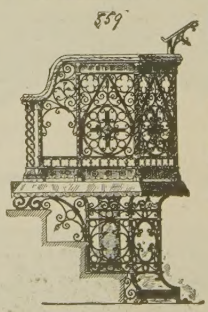

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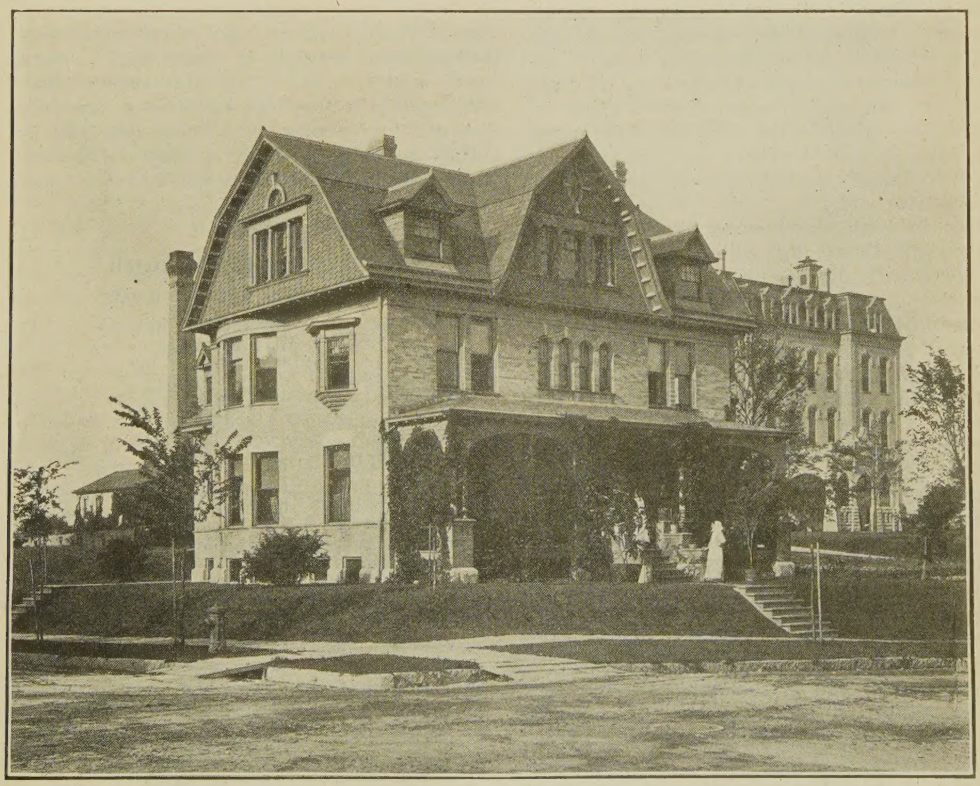
Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse

At Milwaukee, Wis.

TO many unmarried girls and women the question of support is a very serious one. A not less important question, though not uppermost perhaps in all, is: "Of what real use am I in the world?" or "What can I ever hope to become if I stay where I am?"



Some of these American girls between the age of 20 and 30 are dependent entirely upon their parents or the good natured indulgence of brothers for a living. They can make but little return except in house work, and they often feel their position to be humiliating and unjust. But how can the situation be mended? Parents in rearing daughters forget that they may have to work for a living, and often give them but a flimsy education and accomplishments that can be turned to little account in the markets of the world. Either from false pride they forbid them seeking some honorable employment, or they shrink from plunging their daughters into the struggle for places that are hard to get and can be held only with strong nerves,

physical endurance and indomitable will. They know, too, the disappointments and fierce temptations that meet women in the heartless competition of business life, and they shrink from suggesting the trial. As a consequence life becomes a dreary monotony to many who ought to be up and doing for the world's betterment and the honor of Christ.

With a second class, especially the German-Americans of the Northwest, we see a different phase of this comparative waste of life. The members of these families have all been taught from early youth that labor is honorable, that idle dependence on others is dishonest. But while the sons are given chances for a higher education, it is not so with the daughters. They are encouraged, often forced, to go from under the home roof to seek their living. A few, because of superior schooling, may become teachers, a few more whose training has been in English get business positions in the cities, but the great majority, hampered by limited education, find in domestic service among strangers the only means to support themselves and preserve an honorable independence. Nor is this the case only in the families of farmers, but daughters of teachers and pastors are not infrequently found earning their living as hired servants.

Now in both these cases there is something radically wrong, which could and can be corrected. For those in the first class, who thus keenly feel that life is more than meat and the body than raiment; who rebel against their humiliating dependence and feel that they have the ability to do something if they were only given a chance, the deaconess life presents an open door. Work that is interesting and many sided is here, opportunities of intellectual and spiritual growth abound, a career that can be made in the highest degree helpful to the Kingdom of God is offered, and all without any more conditions or restrictions than obtain in a well regulated Christian family.

And to the second class the deaconess calling offers something higher and better than the position which they now fill, useful and honorable as that of a domestic servant is. A profession such as is the deaconess office, that has enlisted the loving services of 16,000 women throughout Germany and Europe, is worthy of immediate attention, though it is so little understood in America. And when it is remembered that here in the Deaconess Motherhouse there are no distinctions of class or condition, that rich and poor meet together, and that the only honor that is recognized is the honor and privilege of serving the Lord Christ in the person of the suffering and the needy, this noble calling for Christian women ought to receive an ever increasing number of volunteers.

Our illustration shows the central institution of the seven stations conducted by the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses and its sisters under the direction of Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., son of the founder. Last year there were in this institution 28 sisters and probationers. There is urgent need for more probationers this year, and although the "probesaal" is full and the course has begun under the most favorable circumstances, seven new rooms are being added to the Motherhouse to provide for an enlarging Sisterhood. The Director-General says that 40 additional sisters could be used at the seven institutions under his control. Only young women, who have good health, cheerful dispositions, willingness to learn, and, above all, a "good report" as a conscientious Christian, will be taken. There is no expense connected with entering. There are no vows or restrictions to prevent probationers leaving if they find "their heart is not in it." The Motherhouse has nothing of the ways or spirit of a convent. It seeks to foster a pure home life, and is simply a Christian family gathered together to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

Our Reformation Church

BY REV. JOHN E. BUSHNELL, D.D.

Our dear old Reformation Church!
We love her ancient name;
And God forbid that one of us
Should ever do her shame;
The mother of true Protestants,
A mother's love has shown,
Nor can we now deny her faith
A stranger's claims to own.

Our own dear Reformation Church,
We've heard thy tales of blood,
Of those who loved thee to the death—
The true, the wise, the good;
The faith of Augsburg they have kept,
They burned, they bled, they died,
And shall their children's children now
Be traitors at her side?

Our own dear Reformation Church!
The fire has not grown cold,
That burned like living streams
In martyrs' veins of old.
The cruel thirty years of war
'Mid persecution's flame
Has warmed the blood in every heart
For those of Lutheran name.

Then with Luther bold and true,
And loyal to each vow,
We'll stand for Christ and for His Church
As God doth witness now.
In protest strong 'gainst every wrong,
We'll stand for truth alone,
Our Church shall still be dear to us,
Our fathers' and our own.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Lutheran Type of Piety

By Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., President of the General Council

Addres delivered at the convention of the Luther League of Illinois, September 5, 1900

PIETY is godliness, and type of piety is distinguishing mark or characteristic of godliness. Our subject indicates that Lutheran piety is different from that of other Christian denominations. Lutherans admit that there is more or less piety in all Christian Churches, but they do not, therefore, believe that all Christian denominations are equally good or sound in their religious views and piety. We, as Evangelical Lutherans, believe that we have something which no other denomination has; and, What is it? It is not only a special, but also, as we believe, a better type of godliness than what any other Church or denomination has. This should not make us consider ourselves better than other people, but help to make our hearts thankful to God for the rich blessings that He in His mercy has bestowed upon us above all others. It therefore behooves us to sincerely love our dear Lutheran Church, be faithful to it, work for it, and rejoice in it. It is not a shame, my dear friends, to be a Lutheran, but, on the contrary, a great privilege and honor. Some people who have been born within the Lutheran Church and who ought to know the precious gifts God has endowed it with, act as if one needed to apologize for being a Lutheran. Of course this is a grievous mistake, and we would be glad to believe that the number of so-called Lutherans who entertain such ideas about our Church is limited. No one need beg pardon for being a Lutheran if his piety has the right Lutheran stamp on it.

The Roman Catholic Church has strong reasons to apologize for much that it has done. When Martin Luther and other reformers of the sixteenth century asked to be allowed to believe, teach and preach the word of God as it has been given to mankind, and follow the glorious advice given to us by our Heavenly Master, they were refused, and expelled from the Church, and persecuted. Our friends of the Reformed Church should apologize because of subjecting the Word of God to human reason and for not being willing to accept or believe as God's truth more than what they can grasp with their understanding. They admit that the Bible contains the word of God, but hesitate in their belief that it *is* the word of God for the reason that some parts and passages of the Bible do not correspond with their human ideas. We shall not deny that some so-called Lutherans hold similar views concerning the word of God, but the Lutheran Church accepts the whole truth, even if unable to fully understand it all; and does not permit the limited capacity of human reason to rend to pieces God's holy word because some of it as yet cannot be fully understood; and do we need excuse for this? Indeed not.

The two fundamental principles of our dear Lutheran Church are: "The justification by faith alone," and "The word of God as the only true and reliable guide for our lives." And here is the basis for the Lutheran type of piety. By faith alone, *sola fide*, and not by our merits, are we saved; not because we feel it, but because God has said so.

The characteristic or type of Lutheran piety is found in the firm reliance that the Lutherans place upon God and His promises in the Lord Jesus Christ. They know that they are His children and have peace with God through Christ, not only when they experience that He as their blessed Saviour is present, and their hearts are warmed by His sweet love, but also when it seems as if He had forsaken them and temptations and threatening clouds and darkness almost make them feel as if they were in the hands of the enemy and had lost all piety. Even then they believe that they are God's children and have peace with Him because their faith and hope are not founded on their own experience, but on the "Rock of Ages" and the word of God. According to Lutheran type of piety a believer does not think that he is more pious, when it seems as if he was filled with and surrounded by heavenly light, than he is when he is struggling against the world, the flesh and the devil.

Lutheran type of piety is not governed by sentimentalism, although it already in this world often fills the believer's heart with true joy and happiness. When Christians with the Lutheran type of piety endeavor to find out whether they are true Christians or not, they do not so much look down into their own hearts as they look to the redeeming blood of Christ and God's love and mercy. While Lutheran Christians therefore firmly believe in the subjective Christian experience, the foundation for their godliness, however, is of an objective nature, and this is what makes true Lutheranism firm and stable. It is not so much a question of how we *feel* as it is a matter of belief; not so much a question of what *we* have done or do as it is a question of what *God* has done and promised. And still there is not only life and peace in Christ, but also a holy desire to follow Him and submit to His will; not in order to become Christians, but because one is a Christian. The Lutheran type

of piety is associated with a deep consciousness of sin and unworthiness before God, and it is once for all settled that salvation can be had only in Christ. To the Lutheran type of piety also belongs what the Apostle says to Titus in the following words:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works."

The same Apostle says to Timothy:

"Bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

We do not mean to criticise other denominations when we say that the Lutheran type of piety is the correct one. The Roman Catholic Church condemns us for our *sola fide*, endeavors to rob from us the word of God, and teaches that the only true piety is the one that bears the stamp of and is sanctioned by their Church, and from this we understand that Lutheran piety is the right one because God Himself through His word and Spirit has put His own type on it, when the Catholics condemn us for being too liberal and too subjective in our religious views.

The Reformed Churches, on the other hand, accuse us of being too orthodox, too objective. They even go so far as to say that the whole Lutheran Church is dead; and this they think they can prove by the fact that the Lutherans do not only, as they think, believe too much in their *sola fide*, but that they also lay too much stress on the holy means of grace. Another reason why the Reformed seem to consider the Lutherans as spiritually dead is that the latter differ from them in their ideas about revivals and various other modes of religious work. Our Reformed friends are sentimentalists as compared with us, and their piety is marked by their subjective feelings and emotions; and whereas we Lutherans cannot say Amen to all this, the Reformed seem to hesitate in acknowledging that we have the right kind of piety. It is, nevertheless, our firm belief that the Lutheran type of piety is of such a nature that all who bear that mark can be likened to the wise man of whom Christ speaks in His sermon from the Mount, when He says:

"Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."

About the pleasures of piety a godly man says:

"The pleasures of piety are infinitely more exquisite than those of fashion and of sensual pursuits. They consist in one even tenor of mind, a lightness of heart and sober cheerfulness which none but those who have experienced can conceive; but they leave no sting behind them; they give pleasure on reflection, and will soothe the mind in the distant prospect. And who can say this of the world or its enjoyments?"

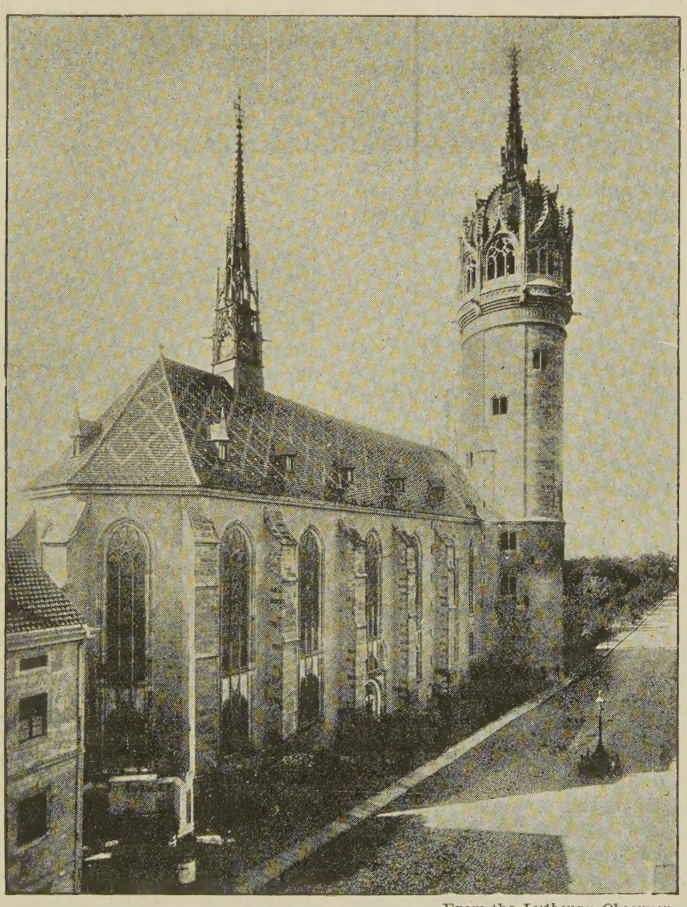
The principal aim of the Luther League is, as I believe, to promote the interests of the Lutheran Church and the Lutheran type of piety. And we wish them the greatest success in their efforts. The Luther League consists mainly of young people, and that is what makes it so important for the future of our Church. Such as our young people are will be the condition of the Lutheran Church in the future. If the piety of the Luther League is marked by the right Lutheran stamp, as it should be, then there is hope that our Church in coming years not only will prosper but also contain the Lutheran type of piety. The tendency within the Church seems to be to yield to the pressure of the world, and that, of course, affects the godliness or Christian character of the Church. May not our Lutheran Church yield to temptations, and may not our Luther League give way to any evil influences. Our Lutheran Church and the Luther League as part of it should be the salt and the light of the world. This also belongs to the Lutheran type of piety. If we yield to the inclinations of our own sinful nature and follow the lusts of the world, then the salt has lost its savor and is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men, and the true Lutheran type of piety is gone. We should therefore watch and pray and let the word of God be our guide, following closely in the steps of our Lord. Those that have been stamped by the Lutheran type of piety will not easily go over into other denominations. They have tasted the old, genuine nourishing wine, and when they are offered wine from the Catholic ice cellar or from the Reformed cup, they say: "The old wine is better." Let us, therefore, revere our dear mother—the Evangelical Lutheran Church—and glorify God for His great goodness. May the Lutheran type of piety in our Church and in our Luther League become clearer and clearer and be so engraved in the hearts of every member that it can never be blotted out.

The Castle Church and Luther's House

At Wittenberg, Germany

From the *Lutheran Guide.*

WITTENBERG, in Saxony, Germany, must ever be dear to all Lutherans. For it was in Wittenberg where Luther published his famous attack on the sale of indulgences, October 31, 1517. According to the custom of the universities, he posted his theses, or sentences, in a public place, inviting any and all to debate them with him. He selected the door of the Castle Church, for on the following day the anniversary of the church dedication was to take place and thus these sentences would be seen by a very large number of people. This was the beginning of the Reformation of the Church. For it was in these theses that Luther claimed and maintained that the Pope of Rome had no right to forgive sins or any right over and above that of affirming and confirming the forgiveness of sins which all penitent sinners and contrite hearts already have. He showed that the Church's highest treasure is the holy Gospel of God's glorious grace. There were 95 sentences directed against false doctrines and practices in the Roman Church which Luther published and maintained. . . . Parts of the old Castle Church still stand, though the entire building has been remodeled and renovated, an illustration of the restored church appearing on this page. The house in which Luther lived has been preserved and many relics of his times and days, famous paintings, articles which he used are exhibited there. We present on the first page of this number a view of the house as it appears now. This house is part of a cloister which was never



From the *Lutheran Observer.*

RESTORED CASTLE CHURCH AT WITTENBERG

finished nor used as such. In the year 1526 Elector John, the Constant, presented the entire cloister grounds and buildings to Luther as a residence. The buildings were restored and remodeled by King Frederick William IV. of Prussia. Part of the house is used as a seminary for Lutheran preachers and a Lutheran School. On the first floor we find the refectory, as the dining rooms in cloisters were called; it is to the rear of the building. To the right of the entrance is Luther's room, on the left the janitor's quarters. In the upper story on the left we find the rooms of the principal of the Luther School; on the right another Luther Room. The rear half contains a Luther Hall or Museum and the Seminary Chapel. Portraits of Luther by Cranach, embroideries by Luther's wife, her rosary, which she used while a nun, a drinking mug belonging to and used by Luther, books bearing his autograph, pamphlets and many other interesting things are preserved there.

Luther's Song

Speaking of the night after the decisive battle in the Franco-German war, a writer in the *Atlantic Monthly* quotes these striking words descriptive of a night in September, 1870: "Below, the bivouacs of the victors starred with their fires all the valley of the Moselle. From the fields where those hundred thousand men were encamped, and where we thought them heavy with sleep, exhausted by their victory, a mighty voice arose—one single voice issuing from those hundred thousand throats. It was Luther's "Battle Hymn." The majestic prayer seemed to fill the heavens. It spread over the horizon so far as there were German camp fires and German men. We heard it far into the night. It thrilled us with its grandeur and beauty. Many of us were young then, and little matured in reflection, yet we recognized at that moment the power which had vanquished us. It was not the superior force of regiments, but that one soul, made up of so many souls, tempered in faith, national and divine, and firmly persuaded that its God marched by its side to victory."

Luther's Ninety-five Theses

Dr. Behringer, in the *Lutheran Observer*, in answer to the question, "Who was it that first printed Luther's 95 theses?" says: Dr. Wustmann of Leipzig has investigated the question, and comes to the conclusion that it was Melchior Lotther, in Leipzig. In 1894, on the occasion of the 200th jubilee anniversary of Halle University, Dr. John Luther of the Royal Library in Berlin published a "*Festschrift*," in which, by independent investigation, he reached a similar conclusion to the above. He based his results upon the evidence furnished by the typographical impression. In addition, Dr. John Luther believed himself able to prove that the 95 theses were printed *before* the public disputation, and *not after* the same, as has been generally maintained; indeed, that Luther himself had the theses printed, and that he posted a *printed copy* on the church doors of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. To this effect an original copy in the British Museum perfectly agrees with the copy in the library at Berlin.—G.

Our Lutheran Heritage

Dr. E. Greenwald, in "The Lutheran Reformation," says: "No Church possesses a more honorable history than the Lutheran Church, for she justly claims the glory of the Reformation. Luther belongs to her, as he belongs to no other denomination of Protestant Christians. She is the mother Church of Protestantism, and is in regular succession from the first Lutheran reformers. And yet, while the members of other denominations have a most sacred regard to their character and history, for which they deserve most hearty commendation, it is painful to perceive that some ministers and members of this mother Church of the Reformation depreciate and even despise their ancient and precious birthright. We rejoice, however, to perceive that, among the best minds of the Church, both in the ministry and among the laity, there is a prevailing tendency to adhere more strictly than formerly to our old and venerable Confessions and to our true traditional character, and not to sacrifice the truth and depth and solidity of the old to the shallowness and ever changing popularity of the new."

— In the first year of my ministry I visited an aged and poor old woman, whom I found very happy, notwithstanding her many infirmities. I asked her, "Are you always happy?" She replied, "Yes, always happy." "But are you never unhappy?" She replied with great earnestness: "No, I won't be unhappy!" I suppose I have thought of this visit a thousand times, I am persuaded the will has much to do with our happiness. We may be determined to rejoice in the Lord always, and by grace be able to keep the purpose of our heart. Our peace being as a river, and our righteousness abounding as the waves of the sea.—*Bishop James.*

Luther League of Pennsylvania

Seventh Annual Convention, at Norristown, October 3 and 4

By Rev. H. Branson Richards

ON October 3 and 4 the Seventh Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was in session. The meetings were held in Trinity Church of Norristown, with this exception that the last session was in the Augustus or "Old Trappe Church."

A very tastefully decorated interior greeted the delegates on their appearance for the first sesssion in Trinity Church. After an opening service conducted by Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., a cordial address of welcome was given on behalf of the local Lutherans by Rev. R. D. Roeder of Grace Church, who took the place of the pastor loci, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, since the latter was unavoidably absent. The speaker reviewed the life and influence of Martin Luther on the world and showed the many institutions which are now at work in the world as a result of his fearlessness and deep conscientiousness. To this the President of the League, Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., made a pleasing response.

The address of this session was by the Rev. C. W. Heisler, D.D., of Selius Grove, on the topic, "Loyalty to the Church Institutions." He said in part:

> There never was a time when higher education was so important as to-day, and at this time it is necessary that it should be under positively Christian influence. Secular education is no safeguard against vice and crime. The tendency of higher secular education is away from the Bible. Church institutions have never been so hard pressed as at present. This is due to the fact that both State and secular institutions are against them, and also because Church schools are not so well equipped since they do not have the large income of the others. Although our Church has always been an educational one, and was born in a university, we cannot disguise the fact that in this country we have not kept pace with our needs, our opportunities or other denominations. All this emphasizes the duty of loyalty to our institutions, because it has to do with their development and with the preservation of our beloved Church.

A most profitable discussion followed this paper. The reports of the various officers and committees were received. The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder of Milton.

Second Session

The second session was opened by Rev. D. S. Kurtz of Marrietta. The "Day Sessions" of the Convention of the Luther League of America at Cincinnati were very thoroughly reported upon by Mrs. M. E. Evans of Philadelphia, one of the State's delegates, and the "Evening Sessions" were cared for by Rev. H. C. Kline of Hamburg. The address was by Rev. H. F. Seneker of Wilkes-Barre. His topic was "The Call to the Ministry: the League's Responsibility." He said:

> The Christian ministry is of God and therefore divine. No office is superior to it. Its glory rises from its work and not from its superior gifts. We must distinguish between vocation and profession. A conviction should precede a willingness for the ministry. This call comes through a medium. The power of God is in us, and we will not be disheartened on the one side or puffed up on the other. The Church needs men willing to go anywhere, whatever the difficulties in the way. We as Leaguers know the need for laborers in the harvest, and therefore every member should pray for the Kingdom of God. The League's responsibility is to keep young people in church, and it is from this number we can expect our additions to the ministry. In helping to provide for the ministry the League can be most helpful by keeping them at work and giving them something to do and study. May the Luther League of our State appreciate its opportunities, its day of visitation, and hold the future secure by holding the present safe.

Among the items of business transacted was the practical defeat of the movement to hold the State convention biennially instead of annually. Five bonds were subscribed to aid the Review. A salaried General Secretary was recommended in order to increase the efficiency of the League. A Literary Secretary was added to the number of the officers. The session adjourned after the benediction had been pronounced by Rev. Lambert of Catasauqua.

Third Session

In the evening Trinity Church was filled to the doors when the vested choir of the congregation appeared singing "Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit," as a processional. Rev. I. C. Hoffman conducted the opening part of the vesper service and Rev. Wm. S. Bear read the Scripture lessons. The musical features of the evening were a solo by Mr. T. R. Middleton and an anthem by the full choir. The first address was on "The Development of the Spiritual," by Rev. N. R. Melhorn of Philadelphia. In part he said:

> Nicodemus came inquiring concerning the Messianic prophecy, and Christ told him of the birth of the new man and told him what would count in its development. There was a time for the milk of the Word and a time for the strong meat. Out of this child new born should come the man, the citizen of the Kingdom of God. This growth is based on rules laid down in God's Word. We find no change or growth possible by innate power. The seed must be cast into the ground and die in order that the plant may spring up. The growth of the mind differs not from the material world. Power is from external sources. This is true also in the spiritual kingdom. Method by which power is

obtained is essential. Two elements are always joined, the machine and its power. Spiritual development is the outcome of a set method. God has always been in communion with His people. Our power and our method both come from God. Power must be rightly applied. God works by His Word and Spirit, and it is our glory that our fathers have builded on these means of grace. Application of power should be made easy, and so the Church was founded. The Church is not absolutely necessary, but it makes spiritual growth easier. The development of the spiritual will depend on the application of the power from God by the means He has established, and the fullest power is obtained when these are used by the Church.

This was followed by G. A. Baldwin, Esq., of Rochester, who spoke of "Young Men in the Church." He said:

They are needed in the world's business, professions and everywhere. The Lutheran Church needs men of experience who are steadfastly loyal to her. We need men of positive character and adherence to fixed principles. The truth of God is still invincible. Laymen have from the beginning been in the front ranks in the defense of the Church, both in times of peace and of war. We need men to fill such positions as delegates to Synod, for the Church must be aggressive, ready for offense and defense. How shall we find men? In the Luther League we must bind their hearts to the Church. There we can train them for Church work. The League must teach activity, capability and loyalty. Shall the Church look in vain for real men in the pulpit and the pew, men who can take on their lips the words of the hymn,

"My Church, my Church, my dear old Church,
My father's and my own! ?"

The closing service was conducted by Rev. F. F. Fry of Bethlehem. Following the close of the meeting was a most delightful informal reception tendered to the visiting delegates by the local leagues and an hour was spent in pleasing social intercourse.

Fourth Session

Thursday morning's session was opened with a short prayer service, after which the regular session was called to order. The Statistical Secretary, Geo. M. Jones, reported the membership, as far as he could ascertain, to be 16 centrals, 330 local leagues and 16,500 individual members. The Credential Committee reported 250 delegates in attendance at the convention, making it one of the largest in this respect in the history of the State League. Rev. J. C. Kunzman was extended the privilege of the floor and made an earnest appeal for Home Mission work. The following officers were then elected: Pres., A. Raymond Bard of Reading; rec. sec., Stewart Shimer of Bethlehem; cor. sec., Horace Bikle of Pittsburg; treas., Geo. W. Zimmerman, Esq., of Collegeville; stat. sec., D. L. Shollenberger of Montgomery; lit. sec., Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., of Wilkes-Barre. "Young Women in the Church" was the subject of a very well prepared paper by Miss Kathryn Glaser of Reading. Among other things, she said:

One of the subjects of which the Bible treats is the power of women. The Old Testament furnishes many instances. The advent of Christ was the beginning of a new era for woman. The spirit of service is the chief thing in the church work of women. True religion makes us cheerful and reverent. A truly religious woman may indulge in pleasure, but she should give her best service to the Church. The chief aim of many women is for social prestige. It is desirable to be in good form, but she should cultivate heart form rather than art form. Women's place in the Church should equal that in the home. In the early days few women denied Christ, even when called upon to suffer martyrdom. Now they are more numerous than men at the services, and also in Sunday school she can be most useful. The next province of woman is in the church societies. She is the backbone of these. The benevolence of women dates back even beyond the time of Dorcas. Women seek not to win aught for themselves, but work for others, as, for instance, the deaconesses and missionary workers. As to woman's place in the church world, she must be after all the power behind the throne, and much of the success of church life depends on her. Therefore she need not aspire to the higher places. She must use her gifts and graces for the service and glory of God.

Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., the retiring president, spoke an earnest word on behalf of a General Secretary for the League of America. The session closed with prayer by Rev. R. D. Roeder and benediction by Rev. A. M. Weber of Boyertown.

Fifth Session

The scene of the last session was shifted to the Old Trappe Church, in sight of the grave of the patriarch Muhlenberg and his illustrious son, Gen. Peter Muhlenberg, the hero of many a Revolutionary battlefield. Here Rev. C. J. Hirzel opened with reading of Scripture, followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Hartman of Barren Hill. An offering was taken, which was devoted to the repair fund of the Old Trappe Church. The topic of this session was "Lutheranism in America." Rev. W. O. Fegley, pastor loci, discussed "The Past." He said:

Lutheranism goes back to the time when first the Swedes came to these shores. Since then its membership has grown from an insignificant number to a mighty army. The German influx came not for gain, but for religious advantage. This was the real beginning of the development of the Church. In 1742 Muhlenberg came, from whose time dated the real rise of the Church. Because of his untiring energy we enjoy the privileges of an organized church with all its conveniences. The Lutheran Church has never knocked at the gate of society, never been a self-appointed detective agency, but it has always been THE CHURCH.

At this point the State League unanimously resolved that upon the grounds of the Trappe congregation it would erect a monument to the memory of patriarch Muhlenberg and donated $100 to begin a fund for that purpose. Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D.D., of Milton spoke on "The Present." He said:

What are the fruits of the past? Here are several questions which arise concerning our Church. What is her strength? her equipment? her mission? She is third in place among Protestants with 1,500,000 members, using eight languages and having a half a million young people, with 80,000 Luther Leaguers, with numerous colleges, seminaries and periodicals, besides many charitable institutions and contributing $6,000,000. Our Church is educational. She has outlived her early difficulties. Her heritage is the Augustana, with nothing to revise, but standing for God and the truth. She has a common service, and all branches are working in fraternal unity. Our fathers builded well in the past, and we, therefore, have only to carry on their work. We stand on the past

A. RAYMOND BARD,

President of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, in the Uniform of a U. S. Volunteer, on His Return from Porto Rico.

with unlimited equipment. We of the present are the pillars upon which the future must rise. This is an opportune moment for the Luther League. Will we complete the work in accordance with the work of the past? Future generations will turn back to us, and we must go forward with our grand equipment and possibilities. This is a time especially for noble lives, and so we should remember that the hour of action is at hand and thus we can carry on the grand Church in the channel which God has hewed.

Rev. J. Fry, D.D., a son of the Old Trappe Church, discussed "The Future of Lutheranism." In part he said:

Standing upon this pulpit, so near to where Muhlenberg rests, where my boyish feet ran so many days, near the church where I was confirmed, and where years ago I preached my first sermon, it is impossible to keep out the memories of other days. Possibly the past and the present can turn the preacher to the seer, and from this spot we can raise the question of the prophet, "Watchman, what of the night?" and picture the possibilities of the Church. Will the Lutheran Church have a future? Will she be pushed to the wall in the coming century or be able to take her place among the others? We might as well ask, Will Christianity have a future? Many do ask this question. We here only can reply as we stand on God's Word and say, We believe in the Church of the future. The grandest development of Christ's Church has not yet been accomplished. There remains much to be realized. The Church will be grander and the past will pale in comparison. Whether the Lutheran Church by that name is to survive means nothing, but for what she stands will always prevail unless God can be defeated and Christ dethroned. Therefore, whatever change in name or organization occur, her doctrine must abide and for that there is great development. For the Lutheran Church, too, there is a future. I can base what I think of the future on certain facts. I can enlarge on all hands until the picture dazzles us. This is true because of her creed. On this creed Christianity must unite if it ever will be united, and therefore Lutheranism will stand. Because of her government it is true. In many things it may be weak, and yet it is eminently fitted to a republican government. The power is in the people and not in a hierarchy. It is true because of the character of her people. Our people are not in the great cities, but in the agricultural districts. The sturdy yeomanry of the land are the backbone and sinew of the country. To the stability of these people we look, and these people are ours. Again, because of the adaptability of the Church. It is adapted to race and language distinctions. We are the Church of the nations who know no nations. Realizing this, we see our Church is adapted to the future. Finally, because we are uniting. Our weakness has been the danger of a tendency to disintegration. We are beginning to combine. The Luther League is a fine demonstration of this fact. Our Common Service is another, also the co-operation of our forces for all purposes. When this day comes and our forces are combined it will be for our Church to take her place at the head of the army of Christendom. The future will be ours as sure as God's Word is true and we are true to God's Word.

After singing the League Rally Hymn the convention adjourned with prayer by Revs. Fischer and Wampole and benediction by Rev. A. S. Fichthorn.

Those Pictures

The pictures offered for the first time in our last number as a premium to the REVIEW subscribers, and again offered this month, have been in quite a demand and from some who received them word has come as follows:

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Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Dec. 2. 1st Sunday in Advent.

Coming with the Clouds

(Rev. i: 4-8)

Themes for Papers.—"The Spirit and Meaning of the Advent Season."—"The Prominence and Importance of the Second Coming of Christ."—"What the Second Coming of Christ will Mean to the Wicked."—"What the Second Coming will Mean to the Righteous."—"How Shall We Look for the Coming of the Lord?"

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. Let us not miss this theme from our Advent meditations. For this season is not only to remind us of the First Coming of the Lord in His lowliness, but to quicken our desire and fix our expectation of His Second Coming in His glory. That many have no realization of the vast importance of the subject should only make us the more determined to understand and to testify. We should ask ourselves whether we have the Apostolic spirit. Is this expectation to us "that blessed hope," as it was to Paul? (Tit. 2: 13.) Is it a characteristic feature of our Christian life to be "waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?" (I Cor. 1: 7.) Are we "looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God?" (II. Pet. 3: 12.) If not, is it because we are wiser than Peter and Paul and John, or because we are ignorant of their teaching and of the place which this inspiring theme has in their writings? Make a study, with the aid of your Concordance, of this subject in all the N. T. passages. It is a most practical doctrine and you will be well repaid.

2. Let us ponder the reasons why we should long for and pray for the Coming of the Lord. It is possible only to indicate them, in our brief space, but the following passages are pointed out in the earnest hope that you will give them careful examination.

The Coming of the Lord will bring to His children blessedness, Matt. 24: 45, 46, Rev. 22: 7; exceeding joy, I Pet. 4: 13; healing, Mal. 4: 2; praise, honor, glory, I Pet. 1: 7, Col. 3: 4. And, in particular, the resurrection of the body. I Cor. 15: 23, I Thes. 4: 16; reunion with friends, I Thes. 4: 14, 17; the immediate and eternal presence with the Lord, I Thes. 4: 17, John 14: 3; a home in Heaven, John 14: 1-3; rewards, Matt. 16: 27, Rev. 22: 12, II Tim. 4: 8, I Pet. 5: 4; likeness to Christ, I John 3: 2, Phil. 3: 21. Then we shall be satisfied, Ps. 17: 15; and He shall be satisfied, Isa. 53: 11. And then, and not till then, Christ will be fully glorified, I Cor. 15: 25-27, Phil. 2: 10, 11, I Pet. 4: 13, etc. No wonder that those who understand count this a "blessed hope" and "love his appearing." II Tim. 4: 8.

Dec. 9th. 2d week in Advent.

Following Till His Appearing

(I Tim. vi: 11-16)

Themes for Papers.—"What Is It to Follow Jesus?"—"Hindrances to Following Him."—"How Far Shall We Follow?"—"The End of the Journey."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. We must follow something. We must have an aim. There is, consciously or unconsciously, a goal toward which every man presses. It conditions and molds his life, and decides his choices. We have the best aim. To follow after perfection in the virtues mentioned in verse 11, is a glorious, inspiring, edifying pursuit. There is nobility in the very effort. To hunger and thirst after righteousness is to have in the yearning the pledge of attainment. But we have even a better thing than a worthy goal. We have a Leader. It is easier for us to follow a leader than to seek a goal. To follow Christ is to attain to all Christian virtues. Who would let Himself be led by a less worthy Guide? And there is none to compare with Him. You are following something, somebody. Stop and see where you are going, and ask what it will mean when you reach the end of the path you are on.

2. Let us not grow weary. There are hills of difficulty, and lions in the path. But there is rest at the top of the hills, and the lions are chained. And before us goes our Captain, who will overcome all foes. The great danger is not in the hindrances, but in our fear of them, and our faithlessness in Him. Not that He does not let us draw the sword, and feel the blows of the adversary. Poor soldiers would we be who never fought. But He is always there, and the issue is not uncertain. And as we go on we come to the House Beautiful, and see and taste many good and precious things on the way to the Delectable Mountains. It would be sad, indeed, if we were to leave the path because of the dark valley, or the assault of the enemy, here and there. Let us follow all the way.

3. At the last we shall be glad. When He shall come it will be sweet to give Him welcome and to hear His greeting. And in the joy of abundant entrance into His peace and grace, how shall we even remember the

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times of toil and trial? How shall we be able to understand that we ever hesitated and thought to turn aside? The weariness of the way will only make the rest more wonderfully sweet when we shall have ceased to follow and shall be "forever with the Lord."

Dec. 16th. 3d week in Advent.

Preparing for the Kingdom

(I Cor. i: 18-31)

Themes for Papers.—"The Preaching of the Cross."—"The Power of the Weak."—"The Place of Talent and Learning."—"The Vitality of the Gospel."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. The Cross is the constraining power of Christian life. Not only is the preaching of the cross the preparation of the Kingdom, but the apprehension of the cross is the individual salvation. To fix your hope on the cross is to have a sure foundation. If your hope rests on your virtues and excellencies, even on your faith, it is fixed on an uncertain, shifting base, no rock, but yielding sand. To appreciate the meaning of the dross is to know and feel the love of Christ, of which the Apostle tells us that it was the constraining influence of his wonderful, consecrated life. No trust in self, but in the sacrificial death of Christ, not my weak affection, but the marvelous love of Christ, of which the cross is the exponent—these are the watchwords and the impulse of the Christian.

2. We need more faith in the power of the message of the cross. Do we practically believe that the preaching of the cross is the power of God? Certainly there are those all around us who do not so believe. The churches whose pulpits are occupied with the messages of political, economical and sociological import, or with a merely ethical teaching, cannot be possessed of any deep faith in the might of the old Gospel of the life and atoning death of Jesus Christ, or the preachers would select other themes and the people refuse to be fed on husks. We have the Gospel, but how much of the want of success in our great work is due to the lack, perhaps in pulpit as in pew, of a real, definite expectation that the word of the cross will prove its efficacy? And even "the word preached" does not profit when not "mixed with faith in them" that hear. (Heb. 4: 2.)

3. But the cross will triumph. Some will hear with the ear of faith. No weapon that is formed against the Gospel shall prosper. The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church with her living word of truth, her means of grace. Shall we lose the blessing is the only question. Shall we use the invincible weapon, or shall we resort to some modern "improvement?" Shall we trust in the power of God, or in some man-made method? Surely it should not be hard for us to answer! Surely we can safely take the word of Paul as true, "Christ, crucified—the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Dec. 23. Christmas.

The Incarnate Word

(I John i: 1-4)

Themes for Papers.—Have a paper prepared on each of the divisions of the topic.

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. There is no fact so sure as that of the true divinity of Jesus Christ. The Apostle who knew Him best, writes this Epistle for the one purpose of testifying to the truth of which he was so absolutely assured. That the Babe of Bethlehem came from the throne of eternal Godhead, is certain from His own words, from the impression He made upon those who saw and heard and walked with Him, and from the whole story and circumstances of His life. Let no man defraud you of this certainty of faith, for therein lies the power and preciousness of Christianity. No teacher and no so-called Church which denies this cardinal fact is entitled to the name Christian. Here is the central weakness of all the new-fangled theories of present religionists, yet they have only renewed the old, old heresies of the days of the Apostle John. It is not advanced thought, but retrogression to the first century's errors.

2. What a glorious fellowship! Surely we should gladly claim and realize it! Fellowship with the Apostles and with the Father and the Son! A goodly fellowship is that of the Apostles and prophets, and of the Holy Church throughout all the world. And Christmas brings to us the historic basis of that fellowship. Because the Son of God came into fellowship with us, and was made bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh, and in this fellowship took upon Him our sins and expiated them in His body, we are called to the fellowship of faith and love with Him, and with all those who are of this same brotherhood, past and present. Do you realize this fellowship, and rejoice in it? Have you the gladness of a personal interest in the scene in the stable at Bethlehem? Do you know the fullness of joy which the Apostle describes as the right of those who believingly accept the blessed fellowship of Christ? To be a Christian ought to bring a Christian's sense of rejoicing and of privilege. To have a share in Christ is to be entitled to all this glorious heritage. Here is ground for the Christmas joy!

Dec. 30. Sunday after Christmas.

The Finished Course

(II Tim. 4: 3-8)

Themes for Papers.—"A Solemn Time."—"Keeping the Faith."—"The Characteristics of our Day."—"Watch, Work, Endure."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. Are we fighting a good fight? What has been the tenor of your life for the last year? How far has your influence been cast on the side of positive good in the closing year of the century? Have you fought at all? Or have you been supine, drifting with the tide of circumstance, yielding, unresisting to the pressure of the hour? To fight is the condition of Christian manhood. We are called not to ease or to peace with the world and the devil, but to conflict, constant and lifelong. "Quit you like men" is the trumpet call! We are to fight for truth, for pureness in living, for the supremacy of Christ, and His teaching in the world. And if we stand for these things we will soon realize that the enemy is strong, vigilant, bitter. Are you fighting? Within and without are the foes. Woe to the laggards and the cowards!

2. How is it with the finished course? Each anniversary is at the same time a goal and a new starting point, what of the course already sped? Have you put forth every energy in the race, and have you run as one who seeks an imperishable crown? The look which the aged Apostle casts backward over his life-course fills him with the sense of comfort that he has been faithful, but it also shows the life of the Christian as a steadfast putting forth of energy. The battle-field, and the race-course are to him the fitting emblems of our endeavor. Are such emblems applicable to the lives of the Lord's people to-day? Is the course you have run the right course? Are you on the right track? Are you speeding in the right direction? And, that settled, comes the question, are you putting forth in this great and worthy endeavor any suitable and adequate degree of energy? Are you running this course with the purposeful devotion which you lavish upon your worldly business? Oh, look back, and look forward, and let the coming efforts be faithful and unflagging. The prize is worth the toil. "A crown of life."

The New Luther League Topics

WITH the new number of the Luther League Topics, to be ready by November 15, the lessons for the new Church year will be begun, and in order to carry out the wishes of the delegates to the last convention of the Luther League of America, suggesting that both senior and junior notes be published, the pamphlet will be enlarged. Instead of a sixteen-page pamphlet the number will now contain thirty-two pages, two pages instead of one being devoted to each lesson, one for the seniors and the other for the juniors. There will also be added two pages with Daily Scripture Readings for our members.

In order to carry out the suggestions made at the convention the editor of the Topics has secured the assistance of well-known writers and workers in the junior field, and we have every reason to believe that the lessons, as published, will meet with the approval of all. While the seniors can continue to use the lessons as heretofore, they will find much in the junior notes that will be helpful, and in this way the new number will be of greater benefit to them than the old. On the other hand, besides being used by the Junior Leagues, we hope the simplified lessons will find a place in some of the senior organizations where the Topics have not been used heretofore, owing to the plea that the lessons as before published were too difficult for the members of some of the Leagues to use.

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Luther League of Kansas

Annual Convention at Topeka, October 16 and 17

THIS League held a delightful meeting at Topeka, the beautiful capital of the State, on October 16 and 17. The opening session took place on Tuesday evening in the English Lutheran Church, Rev. H. A. Ott, pastor, when Rev. C. E. Wirick of Emporia, Kans., preached an excellent sermon on "The Glorious Gospel." It was just the kind of a sermon that was needed for the occasion. The president's address was delivered by Professor Pihlblad of Lindsborg, Kans., who said many good things on the subject of Lutheran fraternity. He does not believe that Lutherans should continue to be strangers to one another, simply because they belong to different general bodies. Rev. H. A. Ott gave the visiting delegates a cordial welcome.

A most excellent paper was read the next morning by Rev. G. A. Dorf of Burdick, Kans., on "The Problem of Holding the Young." He laid special emphasis on baptism, the proper kind of instruction, and godly living on the part of the older members of the Church. He was followed by Rev. L. S. Keyser of Atchison, Kans., whose subject was "Luther League and Lutheranism." After giving a brief sketch of the rise of the Luther League movement, he spoke of the doctrinal basis of the League as the proper basis for such a federation of Lutheran young people, contending that it was broad enough to include all true Lutherans, and yet was fully Lutheran. He also made a plea for Lutheran fraternity and good will.

Rev. I. B. Heisey, of Waterville, discussed the subject of local organizations. His idea was that the Lutheran young people of certain districts should form Leagues for the purpose of holding conventions and cultivating acquaintance. This seems to be a good idea, but there was so much to talk about it that no formal action was taken.

The afternoon and evening sessions were held in the Swedish Lutheran Church of the city, which is a large and well appointed building, showing that the congregation is large and in good working order. The pastor, Rev. A. M. L. Herenius, delivered a masterly address in English on "Comprehensive Fellowship on the Basis of Lutheranism." He maintained that not only must there be unity of doctrine so far as the essentials of Lutheranism are concerned, but a spirit of love and kindness must exist among Lutherans, and the spirit of suspicion must be put away. This paper gave rise to an animated discussion, in which some things that had not previously been understood were made plain. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the basis and principles of the Luther League are admirably adapted to promote the most comprehensive fellowship among us, there being nothing in them to which any true Lutheran cannot subscribe. Among those who engaged in the discussion were Revs. Ott, Keyser, Ball, Engstrand and Wirick.

The evening service was unique in several respects. Pastor Herenius had arranged a number of pieces for a large orchestra and choir, and they rendered some soul-stirring music, both vocal and instrumental. A fine address was given in English by Rev. A. W. Linquist of Kansas City, Mo., who told us about some of "The Difficulties in the Way of Young Men, and How to Overcome Them." It was an intensely practical address. Then the president, Professor Pihlblad, delivered a few words of counsel, which were just what they should have been. It is surprising how well these Swedish brethren use the English language, whether they write or extemporize.

Pastor Engstrand was the former minister of the congregation, and so he could not help making use of the occasion to say some words of brotherly advice to the people, and this he did in the Swedish language. It was really a treat to listen to him, even though we did not understand his address. The pastor made a brief reply, and then with more music the convention came to a close.

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Editorial

During October and November our attention is specially directed to Martin Luther on account of the events which October 31 and November 10 commemorate. It is well at this time to study his life, and take him as an example in his search of the Bible, in his faith, in his work, in his earnestness, in his faithfulness to the command to do good unto others. It seems opportune also that offerings for missions are asked for at this time, because the interest in our church is thus carried down from generation to generation, influencing both young and old, leading to greater work and larger results in the advancement of the Saviour's cause.

"We All Do Fade as the Leaf" is the text of the season, but many people fall and fade before their time comes, because they do not gain life from the roots and the trunk to which they are attached. "I am the true vine. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the true vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

A man's life is an incentive for good, or an inducement to evil. Every one influences another, and the responsibility of each to his neighbor should be carefully considered, so that each may do his duty and not fail. The American feels that he has liberty, and the privilege of exercising it, but Paul says: "Only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

A true Luther League member is always loyal to his church and his pastor. This is one of the cardinal principles of the Luther League. When members of the League fail in this great duty they do incalculable harm to the League. Failure in this will always reflect on the League.

Stand by your pastor. The individual League and the League at large will stand or fall according as it does this. If you wish to kill the League oppose your pastor. If you wish to build it up co-operate with him.

Indoctrinated Lutherans make the best Lutherans in work and spiritual life. A sound life must follow sound doctrine. When the young people of our Church are thorough going Lutherans they always make better League members.

The use of Lutheran literature in the Sunday schools is very desirable and necessary to make good Lutherans of our young people. The young folks who are to come to the catechetical instruction will thus be better prepared for Lutheran catechetical instruction. Lutheran Hymn Books, Lutheran Catechisms, Lutheran Lessons, Lutheran teachers and Lutheran superintendents are essential for Lutheran Sunday schools.

A great need in our Lutheran Church in this country is Lutheran organists, who have

a trained understanding of the Lutheran service, and know and can play Lutheran tunes as they ought to be played. How can a Baptist or a Methodist organist render a Lutheran service understandingly? Wanted, Lutheran congregations and music committees who realize this. How much more effectively the services would be rendered in many a Lutheran Church by a trained Lutheran organist.

The splendid State Conventions of the Pennsylvania and Kansas Leagues, reported elsewhere in this number, as well as those of the Illinois and Indiana-Kentucky Leagues, of which reports were given last month, together with the interest displayed in the Conventions of the New York and New Jersey Leagues, which are about to be held, indicate a live and growing interest in the work of the Luther League that is indeed encouraging. But not only is the interest centered in the States mentioned, the growth is even more far reaching, as was indicated in two reports that reached this office one day recently, the one announcing the organization of a Luther League in our church at Spokane, Washington, and the other of the establishment of a Luther League by the pastor of the Lutheran mission at Portland, Maine. Thus two points at almost extremes of the country are linked together by the ties of fellowship under the banner of the Luther League for the upbuilding of our Lutheran Zion, and in the name of the Master.

Tissot, the artist, in giving the reason why he painted the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, says: "I wanted to know the truth—to see Jesus of Nazareth as He walked and talked in His native haunts. And then to give back to the millions of my fellow-Christians this real conception of the Founder of the Faith. I had studied the Gospels until I knew them by heart, and had located as nearly as I might every act of that Divine One, who came on earth to save mankind. Jesus has been kept too far away from the minds and hearts of men. If by my pen and pencil I have made Him more real to the millions who worship Him from afar, I have accomplished my purpose. The very thing which every Christian most desires—to know all he can about Jesus and His life—has been denied him heretofore. If all men could only know how great was the sorrow and suffering of the Son of God, devotion to Christianity would be universal instead of partial. It is in the hope that I, perhaps, may be the humble instrument to accomplish something of this work that I have sent my pictures, my life of Jesus into the world." What a thought for every Christian!

The Passion Play

Oberammergau has during this summer been a Mecca for many travelers, and the Passion Play has been a subject of interest and of study to many who have visited that place for the purpose of witnessing the performance. The pastor of the American Church in Berlin writes upon the Passion Play and its actors, and speaks of Anton Lang, the new Christus, as one who merits all the praise bestowed upon him. Although only 25 years of age he has three times taken part in the Passion Play; first at the age of five years among the children with the palm branches, then as a boy of 15 in the tableaux, and now as the chief character. The secret of his success is found in himself, and the Berlin pastor presents him in his own words thus: "I seek to consecrate myself wholly that I may lose myself in my part. I seek to be much alone. Of course, I sit all alone in my room in the theater during the interval, that I may not be thrown out of tone and touch with my great theme. Yet I mingle freely with the household life in my father's house. I do all my everyday duties, and do not deem them incompatible with my sacred calling. Now, as of old, men can eat and drink, and yet see the Lord." Not only is he an actor, but also a poet, as the following lines show, and these depict his character:

"O faithful sun! with me thy great Creator greet,
Thou who to my native vale givest light and heat;
Thou dost fill my soul with rapture sweet;
Thy rising do I hail as is most meet.
Make good men glad, as thou dost gladden me,
That everywhere as brethren they may be;
And joyously such worship give the Lord,
As shows itself in deed, and not alone in word.'

A Busy Millionaire's Life

Recently the newspapers have had much to say of the life of Collis P. Huntington, whose estate is supposed to amount to $25,000,000. His early life was a promise of his success, as he was ever busy, never idle, honest, and honorable in all his dealings, and careful in the matter of his word and engagements. His life is thus summed up in *The Christian Work:*

"Frugality, honesty, perfect integrity in keeping one's word, with a fair measure of alertness, will surely win in the end whether the young man receive a college education or not. Somewhere Edward Everett speaks of the boys of his time as those 'who have inherited nothing but poverty and health, who in a few years will be striving, in generous contention, with the great intellects of the land. It remains for each, by darting forward like greyhounds at the slightest glimpse of honorable opportunity, by redeeming time, defying temptation and scorning sensual pleasure, to make himself useful, honored and happy.' A scholar, but with no reference to scholarship, Mr. Everett takes the boy as he finds him, holds up to him a character united to nothing but 'poverty and health,' and tells him it is within his power to make himself useful, honored and happy. And so it is. The boy who mopes because his father cannot sacrifice the needs of others to his desire for four years of college life; who spends 100 cents of every dollar he receives, who yields to temptation and squanders time—not much can be predicted of him. But the young man inheriting nothing but poverty and health, who keeps the whiteness of his soul, secures and deserves his reputation for integrity, for alertness, for high purpose and steady endeavor—such a boy will make the successful man of the future, and will furnish one more illustration for the encouragement and emulation of others who shall follow him."

— A man once arose in one of Moody's meetings and gave his experience. "I have been for five years on the Mount of Transfiguration." "How many souls did you lead to Christ last year?" was the sharp question that came from Mr. Moody in an instant. "Well, I don't know," was the astonished reply. "Have you saved any?" persisted Mr. Moody. "I don't know that I have," answered the man. "Well, we don't want that kind of mountain-top experience. When a man gets so high that he can't reach down and save poor sinners, there is something wrong."—*Lutheran Observer.*

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IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— On October 14 St. James' Church, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the consecration of the present church edifice at Seventy-third street and Madison avenue with appropriate services conducted by the pastor.

— The third convocation of church musicians authorized by the General Council was held in St. Mark's Church, New York, the Rev. G. C. F. Haas pastor, October 11 and 12. Four day sessions were devoted to the reading and discussion of papers on the following topics: "Where Must We Begin in Order to Improve the Quality of the Music Used in Our Churches?" the Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.; "The Pastor and the Organist," the Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.; "The Music of the Communion Service," the Rev. Luther D. Reed; "The Child and Music," the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.; "What Can be Done to Introduce the German Choral into Our English Lutheran Congregations?" Mr. Wm. Benbow; "The Interpretative Use of the Organ," the Rev. G. C. F. Haas; "Boy Choirs," the Rev. A. L. Steimle; "Choir Training," Mr. C. A. Marks.

— Rev. Geo. F. Spieker, D.D., of Mt. Airy Seminary preached the Reformation sermon in Bethany Church on October 28.

— Mr. H. D. Wefer celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as organist of Christ Church on October 29.

Brooklyn

— Emmanuel Congregation, Rev. P. Korner pastor, whose church edifice was condemned on account of the building of the new East River Bridge, have purchased the church edifice of the Congregationalists on South Ninth street for $43,000.

— It is reported that Pastor Gable has resigned from St. Stephen's Congregation at Vanderveer Park.

— On October 21 the Missouri Congregations of this city celebrated their annual missionary festival in the morning at St. Mark's Church, Rev. A. E. Frey pastor, and in the evening at St. John's, Rev. J. P. Beyer pastor.

Philadelphia

— At the meeting of the Lutheran Social Union of Philadelphia, held on October 9, an interesting address was made by Rev. J. F. Ohl, city missionary of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, on the subject: "Is the Lutheran Church in Philadelphia Meeting Its Obligations?" At its conclusion the subject was discussed by J. Martin Rommel, Rev. Charles S. Albert, D.D., Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., Frank Hartranft, Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D., and Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D.

— The ladies of Messiah Church tendered a reception to the new pastor of the congregation, Rev. H. C. Alleman, and his wife at the church on October 4.

Chicago

— The installation of Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss as Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Chicago Lutheran Seminary took place at Wicker Park Church on October 3. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Samuel Wagenhals, D.D., President of the Board, and Professor Krauss.

— It is reported that G. B. Blackstone, president of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, who died recently, bequeathed $25,000 to the Passavant Lutheran Memorial Hospital of Chicago.

— A reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. A. Oefstedal on October 23, when they were also presented with a gift, by the Luther League of Bethel Church. Rev. Oefstedal will preach his farewell sermon in Norwegian on November 4. He leaves to accept a call to Fertile, Minn., his first charge, where he served for over 11 years.

Pittsburg

— The First Lutheran Church has been undergoing a thorough renovation—cleaning wood work, frescoing church, laying a new carpet, &c. This was done at a total cost of nearly $2,500. Besides this, a very fine organ has been placed in the church by a generous member, to whose liberal support the excellence of the music furnished by the choir is due.

— Rev. C. B. King has been unanimously called to Bethel Church, Allegheny, Pa., lately relinquished by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser. He has accordingly resigned as missionary superintendent of the Pittsburg Synod.

— Rev. C. Armand Miller of New York is one of the speakers at the triennial convention of the Young Men's Christian Association in Theological Seminaries, to be held in Allegheny on November 1 to 4.

Milwaukee

— Mr. J. Pritzlaff of this city, who died recently, bequeathed $3,000 to the Missouri Synod, $3,000 to Trinity Church, $300 to the Passavant Hospital, $300 to the Orphans' Home, $500 for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Missouri Synod, $500 to the missions in the Wisconsin District, $500 to Concordia College and $500 to the Wittenberg Orphans' Home.

Buffalo

— From May 1 to October 1 the Church of the Atonement, Rev. T. W. Kretschmann pastor, collected for special objects the sum of $1,400. Of this, $1,000 was paid on the principal of the church mortgage. This work culminated at the Harvest Home services of September 30. The Luther League contributed $100.

Washington

— The Keller Memorial Church, Rev. C. H. Butler pastor, celebrated its eighth anniversary October 7. Twenty-six persons were received into membership during the year and the present enrollment is 147.

Baltimore

— The English Church of the Reformation of this city celebrated its tenth anniversary October 7. Rev. D. F. Garland, Dayton, Ohio, who was pastor for more than five years, preached two appropriate sermons. At the morning service the present pastor, Rev. Ulysses S. G. Rupp, read a communication from the first pastor, Rev. C. T. McDaniel, Hudson, N. Y.

St. Paul

— The Board of Trade of St. Paul, Minn., has donated a site in St. Anthony's Park, in that city, to the Norwegian Lutheran Synod for the erection of the new seminary buildings.

Jersey City

— The English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Rev. J. C. Heindel pastor, was dedicated on October 7 with appropriate services. The

church membership is now 186, while that of the Sunday school is 268. Their house of worship stands upon a plot 75 x 120, the cost of the ground having been $1,800. The plans call for a magnificent structure, all of which could naturally not be completed at once, yet the portion now finished is in itself a harmonious whole and provides accommodations to meet all present needs. The interior is cheerful, churchly and conducive to a worshipful spirit. Crowded congregations marked all the services in connection with the dedication. The various speakers were Revs. H. H. Weber, J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., C. Armand Miller, C. S. Albert, D.D., F. H. Knubel, G. F. Behringer, D.D., J. J. Young, D.D., R. A. Hafer, and J. F. W. Kitzmeyer.

NEW JERSEY

— The cornerstone of the chapel of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J., the Rev. Fred'k C. Krapf pastor, will be laid at the southeast corner of Sixth and Franklin streets on Sunday, November 4, at 3.15 p.m. Addresses will be made by the Revs. M. S. Waters of Grace Church, Newark, N. J.; C. G. Fischer of the German Lutheran Church of Elizabeth, and C. Armand Miller of Holy Trinity Church, New York City.

— The congregation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, D.D., pastor, recently elected Rev. M. R. Kunkelman associate pastor. He was installed by the Rev. Samuel Laird of Philadelphia on Sunday, October 14, 1900. On Monday evening a pastor's reception was held and very much enjoyed by the congregation and friends.

NEW YORK STATE

— Wednesday evening, September 26, 1900, was a memorable date for St. John's Church at Hudson, N. Y. A large congregation gathered to witness the installation of Rev. Paul W. Koller, conducted by the President of Synod, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., of New York City, who also gave the charge to the congregation. Rev. G. M. Heindel, D.D., of Albany, N. Y., gave the charge to the pastor.

— The new Lutheran Church at Richmondville, N. Y., is approaching completion, and it is hoped that it will be ready for dedication about November 1. Pastor J. S. Paul is to be congratulated on the prospect that when the church is completed it will be one of the finest between Albany and Binghamton. They started in to build for about $8,000, but by the time it is finished and furnished it will represent about $15,000.

PENNSYLVANIA

— In our last issue an account was given of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Salem Church, in Bethlehem, Pa., of which the Rev. W. H. Hoppe is the pastor. The decorations of the church, which were so much admired, were designed and carried out by the Cox Sons & Buckley Company, 70 Fifth avenue, New York. The same company designed and made the beautiful silver Communion service used in the church and the massive eagle lecturn made of bronze and brass.

— Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., was inaugurated as Professor of Biblical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg on October 28, in the college church. The interesting exercises were attended by the members of the East Pennsylvania Synod, which held its annual session this year in Brua Chapel, Gettysburg.

— Rev. J. H. Raker of Lebanon is now the superintendent of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Topton, succeeding the late Rev. Heilman, deceased.

— The Cox Sons & Buckley Company, 70 Fifth avenue, New York, have just completed a fine oak altar and reredos for Rev. E. A. Trabert of Braddock, Pa. Of this Mr. Trabert writes: "I find the altar superior to the sketch that you made me, in every way. It is a beautiful piece of furniture, and has been greatly admired by all who have seen it. Allow me at this time to express my appreciation of your dealings. Although our order was a small one, I see that your work is just as conscientious as it would be on a more elaborate one. You are at liberty to use my name as reference among the Lutheran clergy."

MISCELLANY

— The Swedish Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill., is making great preparations for its fiftieth anniversary, which is to be held on December 1. A "souvenir album" is being printed, containing illustrations of all the many organizations in the congregation, besides a complete history of the congregation and each society. It will most likely be a very interesting memento, and the first of its kind to be gotten out by a church.

— The Grace Lutheran Church of Rock Island held a very successful concert on October 11 in the Warr Hall, Moline. A theological student of Augustana College has had charge of this congregation since it was vacated by the Rev. J. L. Murphy, and his work is highly appreciated.

— Rev. Luther Alexander Gotwald of Springfield, Ohio, well known in the church and up to five years ago a professor at Wittenberg, Germany, died recently at his home in Springfield.

— Rev. H. Max Lentz has resigned as managing editor of the *Lutheran World* and pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Florence, Ky., to accept a call to become pastor of the Lutheran churches in Shepherdstown and Uvilla, W. Va. He succeeds Rev. C. H. Rockey.

— Rev. Oliver C. Miller returned September 1 from the Philippines, where he has served for the last 14 months as chaplain of the Fourth Cavalry and other regiments commanded by General Lawton. At the request of General Bates he visited our garrisons on nearly all the Southern islands. He also visited China and Japan, calling upon our missionaries at Saga, and coming home with our wounded from Tien Tsin. His address is 2402 Bush street, San Francisco, Cal.

— Dr. and Mrs. Pohlmann, Miss Van Leer and Miss Amelia Klein, General Synod missionaries to Africa, will not sail until next April. The Board deems this the best time for them to leave, so as to arrive in Africa at that period of the year when the climate is less perilous to acclimation and health. Miss Van Leer is taking six months' training at the Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Home in Philadelphia.

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NEW YORK STATE

— The eighth annual convention of the Luther League of New York State was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., the Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor, on October 29, 30 and 31, 1900. A full report of the convention will be given in the next number.

New York City

— The City Luther League will hold its usual Luther Day rally on Saturday, November 10, at 8 o'clock, at St. James' Church, Seventy-third street and Madison avenue. Rev. J. Fred. W. Kitzmeyer of Bethany Lutheran Church will deliver the oration and Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia, president of the Luther League of America, will give a practical talk. The Luther League Choral Union, as usual, will have charge of the music. The rally as planned will be one of exceptional merit. Every Lutheran in

this city should be present, as there will be valuable information and useful knowledge for every earnest worker.

— The Choral Union have a busy season before them. They will sing at West Side Y. M. C. A. on November 4, when Rev. A. H. Studebaker will deliver the address in commemoration of Luther; at the rally on November 10; at the Brooklyn rally on November 12, and at the fair of St. Peter's Church, in Grand Central Palace during the first week in December. All singers are welcome to membership—Lutherans as active members and others as associate members; or you can become a sustaining member upon the payment of $5 or more annually. They are always glad to sing at any Lutheran gathering when not interfering in any way with the local choir.

— The fourth anniversary service of the Luther League of Holy Trinity was held at Holy Trinity Church, 45 West Twenty-first street, New York City, on Sunday evening, October 21, 1900. The Rev. A. Steimle of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, delivered a fine sermon. The musical programme was also a feature. The annual election of officers of the League was held on October 9 and resulted as follows: Pres., George A. Kuhirt; vice-pres., H. F. Luhrs; rec. sec., William Gaskell; cor. sec., Miss M. Hauck, 292 West Eleventh street; treas., Miss L. Brunie.

Brooklyn Central

— The Luther League of Brooklyn will hold its Luther Day rally on Monday, November 12 in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, pastor. Mr. William C. Stoever, president of the Luther League of America, will be one of the speakers.

Rhinebeck District

— The Executive Committee of the Rhinebeck District Luther League have made the final arrangements for the fall convention of the district, which is to be held the afternoon and evening of November 13, in Zion Church, Athens, Rev. G. B. Hiller, pastor. The speakers who have been invited are Rev. Paul W. Koeller of Hudson, Rev. W. F. Bacher of Rondout, and Rev. W. F. Whittaker of Ancram. In addition there are to be two short papers by Leaguers. The district now includes thirteen societies and about 600 members. Rev. E. G. Hay of Red Hook is chairman of the Executive Committee and Miss M. Emma Stupplebeen of Hudson is secretary.

— At the last business meeting of St. John's Luther League of Hudson four new members were received into the society. John M. Shook was elected president for the coming year and Miss Elsie Potts secretary. Delegates were also elected to the State Convention at Utica.

— President Reynolds and Treasurer Shook of the District League visited the Y. P. S. C. E. of Churchtown on October 7 to extend them a personal invitation to become members of the District. Both received a most cordial and hearty welcome from the pastor, Rev. C. T. Traver, and the members of the local society. No decision in regard to joining was reached at this meeting.

— The Luther League of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church of Valatie, Rev. U. H. Graves, pastor, have elected: Pres., Mrs. U. H. Graves; sec., Miss Florence Dennis; Treas., Miss Charlotte Dickinson.

D. & H. District

— The Luther League of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer elected Mrs. J. P. Klee and Miss Eva Lundberg delegates, and Mrs. T. B. Van Alstyne and Miss Minnie Garthe alternates to the State Convention at Utica. The pastor, Rev. M. J. Bieber, is appointed a delegate to represent the D. and H. Central at the State Convention.

Albany and Vicinity

— The ninth annual convention of the Luther League of the Albany District was held in the Church of the Redeemer at Utica on Monday, October 29, morning and afternoon, and just prior to the State Convention. A report will appear in the next issue.

Buffalo Central

— The Buffalo Central Luther League have elected the following delegates to the State Convention: Rev. Mr. Dahlsten, Rev. Mr. Bachman, Mr. Geo. Flierl; alternates, Miss S. Grauer, Mrs. Kumpf, Miss Witmer. The semi-annual convention of the League will be held November 8 at the Church of the Redeemer. Delegates will bring echoes of the State Convention. Rev. Mr. Kirsch will give a German address, and papers on "Church Entertainments" and "Observance of the Lord's Day" will be read by Mr. Oliver Schafer and by a member of the Church of the Redeemer. Discussion of papers will follow.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement has resumed its devotional meetings. The League gave $100 toward a $1,000 payment on the church mortgage on October 1, 1900.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Central

— Frank A. Hartranft, Esq., chairman of the Finance Committee of the Luther League of America, has been nominated as the Fusion candidate for City Treasurer of Philadelphia by the Municipal League and Democrats of that city.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Central

— On Sunday evening, September 16, St. John's Luther League of Richlandtown celebrated the seventh anniversary of its existence. The programme was an exceptionally good one, perfectly in harmony with the place and occasion. The address of welcome was made by Miss Sallie Sterner. In it she gave a short history of the Luther League movement in America, and dwelt also on the immense good that the Lu-

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Northeastern Pennsylvania League

— Rev. Prof. T. L. Seip, D.D., will address the Luther League of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Christ Church, Wilkes-Barre, Tuesday evening, October 30. His theme will be "Christian Education."

Allentown Central

— The thirteenth semi-annual convention of the Luther Leagues of the Bangor Local Center was held in Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. J. W. Lazarus, pastor, at Stone Church, on Thursday, October 11, 1900. Mr. Arthur G. Beck gave the address of welcome, to which Milton Speer, president, responded. The speakers of the day were: Rev. J. F. Snyder of East Bangor, "The Church Service—Its Historical Development;" Rev. Geo. S. Kleckner of Pen Argyle, "The Church Service—Its Devotional Use;" Rev. Theo. Heilig of Stroudsburg, "The Church Service—Its Music;" and Rev. W. D. C. Keiter of Bethlehem, "The Work for the Young People in the Church." The convention proved a success in every way.

— The Luther League of Trinity Church, Bangor, Pa., Rev. E. A. Yehl, pastor, held its annual meeting October 1, at which the following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Emma S. Mann; Vice-Pres., Miss Mabel S. Stocker; Rec. Sec., Miss Anna M. Weaver; Cor. Sec., Miss Alice Dorsheimer; Treas., Miss Ella Speer; Organist, Mrs. B. F. Miller; Asst. Organist, Mrs. E. H. Steinmetz; Librarian, Mrs. Oscar Wolfe; Asst. Librarian, Miss Laura Mosser. The League holds its devotional meeting every Sunday evening, before the church service, and has an average attendance of 100.

Upper Lehigh Valley League

— The semi-annual convention of the Upper Lehigh Valley Luther Leagues will be held November 6 and 7 in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Butler Valley, Rev. Kerschner, pastor. Among the addresses to be delivered we note one entitled "Our Tools—the Bible Reading Course, Topics, Hymnal and LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW."

Lancaster Central

— The sixth annual convention of the Central Luther League of Lancaster County, occurred at St. Stephen's Church, Lancaster City, Rev. Emil Meister, pastor, on October 22. It was most interesting. The League indorsed the ideas of a permanent Secretary for the League, and holding forth "Church Extension" as the great object for which the League should unitedly work. A round table was led by the President, F. P. D. Miller. The following questions were taken up and discussed: "What were the reasons for the League's coming into existence?" "What features does the League have which cannot be found in other young people's societies?" "In what particulars has the League been successful?" "In what respects has it failed?" "What is the attitude of the General Bodies in the Lutheran Church toward the League?" "In what direction ought special efforts be exerted at the present time?" Fine addresses were delivered by Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., of Philadelphia, and Revs. Dr. F. P. Manhart and Dr. G. Scholl of Baltimore. The election of officers resulted in the selection of the old officials. They are: Pres., F. P. D. Miller, Columbia; Vice-Pres., George Kohler, New Holland: Rec. Sec., Miss Katherine Smith, Columbia; Cor. Sec., G. H. Ranck, New Holland; Treas., W. A. Heinitsh, city. In the evening the League listened to a superb sacred concert by the Leipzig Quartette at Fulton Hall, which was crowded.

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York County

— A Luther League was organized on October 21 in our church at New Chester by the pastor, Rev. Cyrus E. Held.

Williamsport Central

— The Williamsport Central Luther League held its third regular convention in the Lutheran Church of Montgomery, Rev. J. W. Lake, D.D., pastor, on September 27. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D.D., Pres.; Oscar Hoffmann, Sec.; Rev. J. W. Lake, D.D., Treas.; Mr. D. W. Shollemberger, Statistical Sec. The topics selected for consideration were discussed with a great deal of interest, while all the business of the meeting was characterized with a zeal and devotion that portend a hopeful future for the Williamsport Central. "Opportunities Presented to Our Young People's Societies," "Individual and Personal Activity and How to Apply this Principle to Our League Work," and "The Importance of a Denominational Young People's Society" were the subjects discussed. It was only a one-day's meeting, and yet the work done and the good impressions made will go far toward establishing our Luther League and blessing our churches along the famous west branch of the Susquehanna River.

Kittanning Central

— The Kittanning Central Luther League met in annual convention September 13 and 14 at Brick Church, Rev. D. D. Miller pastor. To the address of welcome by the pastor loci the President, Rev. Rankin, responded, confining himself chiefly to the objects of the League and the

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benefits each society might receive from the convention. In the question box, which was opened at the afternoon session, were found the following: "How can we keep the young men in the League?" "What can we do with members who fail longer to bear the test as members—*i.e.*, do not attend regularly, do not pay their dues and do not help to carry on the work of the League?" The officers elected were as follows: Pres., Rev. D. D. Miller, Brick Church; First Vice-Pres., Mr. J. B. Rupert, Brick Church; Second Vice-Pres., Rev. G. L. Rankin; Rec. Sec., Miss Louisa Cook, Brick Church; Cor. Sec., Miss Luella Van Dyke Kerr; Treas., Mrs. C. Woodward, Brick Church. One new League (Zion) was admitted to membership.

—A Luther League with sixteen members has been organized in Zion Church, Brookville, Pa., Rev. Wm. Long Leisher pastor. The officers are: Pres., Rev. Leisher; Vice-Pres., Wm. Young; Sec., Mr. Sentmeyer; Treas., Miss Sentmeyer. The outlook is good for a successful League, as there are a large number of young people in the congregation ready for work.

NEW JERSEY

—The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey will be held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Barrow and Montgomery streets, Jersey City, the Rev. E. E. Neudewitz pastor, on Election Day, November 6, 1900. The first session begins at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the evening session at 7.45 o'clock. Each society is entitled to three delegates. Absent delegates are entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates. Credential blanks will be furnished, which, when filled out, are to be sent to Mr. Jacob Martin, chairman of Credential Committee, 162 Catherine street, Elizabeth, N. J., not later than November 1. Delegates shall report to the Credential Committee immediately upon arrival, so that the roll can be prepared for the opening session. Societies desiring to connect can secure information from Mr. Fred. H. Schnepper, chairman of the Extension Committee, 86 Wayne street, Jersey City. Applications for membership, however, should be made to the chairman of the Credential Committee. To reach Holy Trinity Church, take the Montgomery street trolley car from Pennsylvania Railroad station at Jersey City. At the afternoon session the subject "The Leaguer's Duty" will be presented in three papers—"To Himself and His League," "To His Home and His Country" and "To His Church and His God," and considered afterward in general disclussion. For the evening session arrangements have so far been completed for one of the addresses, that by the Rev. M. Rea Kunkelman of Atlantic City on "The Leaguer's Battle—What it is; Against What; For What."

—A rally meeting of Lutherans was held on October 18 in the hall of Trinity German Lutheran Church, Trenton, N. J.. Rev. Hugo Wendel pastor, under the auspices of the Luther League of New Jersey. The President of the State League, Rev. Fred'k C. Krapf, presided. The opening devotional services were conducted by Revs. J. Heissler, U. G. Apple and W. Morgan Cross of Trenton. A German and an English address were delivered, the former by Rev. John A. W. Haas of New York and the latter by William C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia, President of the Luther League of America. Rev. E. B. Killinger, ex-President of the Luther League of New Jersey, also spoke. The closing services were conducted by Rev. Paul Z. Stro-

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dach of Trenton. It is hoped that this meeting may result in a large interest in the work of the Luther League by the Lutherans of Trenton.

— The second anniversary of the Luther League of Holy Trinity English Church of Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf pastor, was held on October 19. The president, Mr. H. L. Keiper, spoke the opening words of greeting. The anniversary address was delivered by Rev. F. H. Knubel of New York. Mr. Frank Schneider, president of the Y. P. S. of the German Lutheran Church, presented the greetings of that organization.

ILLINOIS

— The Tri-City Luther League held its regular quarterly meeting on October 26 at the Swedish Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill., when a very interesting programme was rendered. After the programme followed a social hour and refreshments consisting of oysters. The League was well represented, there being a delegation of about 25 from Davenport. The next convention will be held in Rock Island at Grace Church on November 23 to 24, inclusive. This is the annual meeting.

SOUTH DAKOTA

— A belated report of the third annual convention of the South Dakota Luther League, held at Elk Point, S. Dak., in St. Paul's Congregation of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, Rev. P. J. Reinertson's call, on May 25 to 27, 1900, has just reached us. Although not numerically strong, the convention, through its members and visitors, showed remarkable enthusiasm for the work of the Luther League, and a spirit of deep devotion to the teachings of the Lutheran Church was very much in evidence. The business sessions of the convention were principally devoted to the election of officers, selection of necessary committee and discussion of plans for increasing the work of the Luther League in South Dakota. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Prof. C. P. Lommen, Vermillion (re-elected); Vice-Pres., Miss Bertha Wangsness, Garretson; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Andrea Lysnes, Canton; Cor. Sec., Lewis Larson, Sioux Falls; Treas., Mons Aaland, Howard. An Executive Committee was selected as follows: John G. Berdahl, Beloit, Iowa; Lewis Larson, Sioux Falls; Mamie Holden, Elk Point; Hannah Nordtvedt, Canton; Mons Aaland, Howard. The following were chosen as an Extension Committee: R. A. Anderson, Dell Rapids; Mattie Olstad, Sioux Falls; Andrew Solem, Elk Point; Andrew Lysnes, Canton; Christian G. Berdahl, Garretson. A programme consisting of papers on appropriate subjects had been prepared, including one on "The Lutheran Liturgy," by Ditman Larson of the U. C. Seminary. On Sunday evening, May 27, Rev. P. J. Reinertson delivered an excellent address to the Luther League. Music was furnished by choirs and quartettes from Garretson, Canton and Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls was chosen as the next place of meeting.

IN THE WEST

— An exceedingly pleasant and profitable festival was that held by the Young People's Societies of the Salina District of the Kansas Conference, at Falun, on September 6. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. It opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. E. Lund of Marquette. The text was Isaiah 40 : 30, 31. Subject: "The Indomitable Energy of Youth." Two sessions were held, at which the programme was carried out substantially by the young people. Declamations were given by the Misses Clara Ericson, Assaria; Beda Peterson, Falun; Alfhild Heggstrand, Salina; Anna Rolph, Marion Hill; Effie Caleen, Enterprise; Thorney Lackey, Falun, and Ellen Nelson, Falun. Essays were read by Mr. C. M. Holmquist and Mr. G. Nyquist, the former from Salemsborg and the latter from Marquette. Rev. J. D. Danielson read an original poem, and Drs. Carl Swensson and A. W. Dahlsten made addresses.

— The Young People's Societies of the Bethany Church, Lindsborg, Kan., were recently invited to the parsonage for a reception. About 300 accepted the invitation and were very pleasantly entertained by the pastor, Dr. Carl Swensson, and his estimable wife. A Luther League was organized at Bethany College on the 16th. This is designed to take the place of the Young Men's Christian Association, which heretofore has existed at this institution.

— A Men's League has been organized in St. Mark's Church, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., pastor, and gives promise of becoming one of the most helpful agencies in the church.

— On September 15 a Luther League was organized in the First English Lutheran Church at Spokane, Wash., Rev. D. J. O. Westheim pastor, with 12 members. The following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Ella Sether; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Westheim; Sec., Miss Emma Saul; Treas., Miss Stella Austin.

MISCELLANEOUS

— The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's Church of Leetonia, Ohio, Rev. J. B. Umberger pastor, has pledged $25 a year to educate a student in India.

— The Young People's Society of the Centerville Church, Rhode Island, decided some time ago to secure a pipe organ for the church. The organ is already in place and costs $1,300, all of which is paid. A festival was held by reason of the advent of the organ on the 1st ult. Rev. M. J. Englund held the festive oration.

— A Luther League was recently organized in the mission church at Portland, Maine, by Rev. William Williams, formerly professor at Jewell Lutheran College, Jewell, Iowa.

— The Lutheran societies of Washington, D. C., are conducting meetings at the Lutheran Home for the Aged. They also assist in doing so at Fort Myer and the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club. At the latter place the Lutheran Young People's Union conducts a meeting once a month.

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2. I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me. Proverbs 8: 17.

3. Thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. II Tim. 3: 15.

4. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. St. Matthew 6: 33.

Some Queries for a Junior Round-Table.

[Note.—A Round-Table is an occasion in which questions are propounded and answered at random, or on the call of the leader; or topics are discussed in the most informal, free and open manner possible.—Ed.]

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Why did the first missionaries first carry the Gospel to the great cities?

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From many directions we learn of the rise and growth of the Junior Leagues. When we remember that it is from these that the workers in the schools, parishes, colleges and pulpits of the future Church are coming, it is refreshing and encouraging to find such growth as this. If we take good and proper care of our Juniors, they will take care of our Luther Leagues after a while. The great work is to establish an acquaintance between the older workers who are interested in the Juniors and the precious, happy-hearted boys and girls who are to be enrolled.

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